



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Arizona Department of Public Safety Administered Amber Alert System makes the difference in locating a missing infant.

At around 5:00 a.m. on Feb. 14, the Peoria Police Department called the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) to report the disappearance of a young woman and her baby. DPS immediately activated the Amber Alert system. The information was posted on freeway message boards, and the information was quickly sent to the media.

The media broadcasted the information very quickly and five hours later a woman called the Glendale Police Department saying she had spotted the vehicle after seeing the description on television. The vehicle was stopped, and the 7-month-old girl and her mother were both located in good condition.

“The Arizona Amber Alert system is so fast that media outlets are able to broadcast the information with lightning speed. In our case, this particular incident was resolved very quickly as a result of the extremely effective Arizona Amber Alert System,” said Mike Tellef, spokesman for the Peoria Police Department.

The Amber Alert originates with the law enforcement agency that requests the system to be activated through DPS, which serves as the conduit for the Arizona Amber Alert system. DPS controls the equipment that carries the message but only the originating agency has the actual information on the case.

“The Arizona Department of Public Safety is proud of its role in the statewide Amber Alert system. We are very happy to see the safe resolution of the Peoria Police Department case. This is exactly why Amber Alert is so important because it can quickly make the difference in cases like these,” said Arizona Department of Public Safety Director Roger Vanderpool.

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